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SUBJECT: US/PHIL ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS - VIRATA QUALIFIES
HIS IEWS ON TIMING

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1.. EC/COUNSELOR SPOKE WITH VIRATA JANUARY 28, POINTING
OUT THAT HIS REMARKS HAD BEEN PICKED UP BY AP AND THAT
INTERESTED WASHINGTON AGENCIES MIGHT THEREFORE BE SOMEWHAT
CONFUSED AS TO GOP POSITION. VIRATA SACCSTHAT HE FELT
HIS REMARKS HAD BEEN "OVER SIMPLIFIED" BY THE PRESS AND
SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED AS A DESIRE TO POSTPONE
CONVERSATIONS. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, VIRATA EXPLAINED
THAT THE SITUATION HAD COME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF HIS
RESPONSE TO AN INFORMAL QUESTION ON WHAT RESULTS HE
EXPECTED FROM ECONOMIC TALKS. IN AN EFFORT TO TEMPORIZE,
HE HAD REFERRED TO SITUATION IN U.S. 1968 WHEN
SECRETARY RUSK HAD REMARKED, A PROPOS CERTAIN NEGOTIATIONS,
THAT IN AN ELECTION YEAR "U.S. GOES INTO POLITICAL

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PARALYSIS". HE HAD ALSO REFERRED TO PRESENT GATT
DISCUSSIONS AND THAT "AS FAR AS GATT IS CONCERNED, THEY
ARE THINKING MORE OF NEGOTIATIONS AFTER THE ELECTIONS".
AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, HE HAD TOLD THE PRESS HE DID

NOT KNOW WHAT PRECISELY MIGHT BE EXPECTED THIS YEAR.

2. IN SEPARATE MEETING, EMBOFF SPOKE WITH PHILIPPINE
MTN DEL, AMB WILFREDO VEGA, JANUARY 29. VEGA SAID THAT
INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE IS NOW MEETING ON QUESTION OF ECONOMIC
NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT REPLY TO EMBASSY NOTE SHOULD BE
FORTHCOMING SHORTHCOMING SHORTLY. SULLIVAN

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